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EDITORIAL

By Howard King

As the new editor of The Messenger, I thought I'd take this opportunity to say a few words about our plans.

When I visited the editor of the Church News and the directors of the Church Information Office last month in Salt Lake, I learned that the MESSENGER is not only well known there, but also that our ward and stake reporting system is unique in the Church. Furthermore, it is probably the best example of dynamic volunteer reporting in the Mormon world. We definitely have something to be proud of.

Every once in a while, though, even the very best newspapers put on a new Spring wardrobe and some fresh make-up; not necessarily because they need to, but just because it's kind of nice for a change.

That's what we're going to do with THE MESSENGER. The plans call for a 3-phased face-lifting.

GENERAL NEWS

Phase One, executed in this edition, has three parts. First, we have brought in some news of general, Church-wide interest. Traditionally, THE MESSENGER news content has been limited to events in the seven Bay Area stakes. This was based on the presumption that the Deseret News took care of the general news. But my polls show that, at most, only 20% of the **active** members, and hardly any of the **inactive** Mormons in the Bay Area subscribe to the Deseret News. For most members, therefor, THE MESSENGER is the only source of Church News of any kind.

NEED WRITERS

Second, we have introduced THE MAIN FORUM. This feature page consists of columns, cartoons, poetry, and spiritual essays. The essays, columns and poetry are all written by Mormons in the Bay Area. We want the members to feel that they can send in their writing and have it published. As editor, I invite all of our readers to send in their material. The essays can be thought of as written versions of 2½ minute talks. All material should be typewritten. No anonymous material will be accepted. The space is limited, so we can publish only the best of what's sent in. But please give us a try.

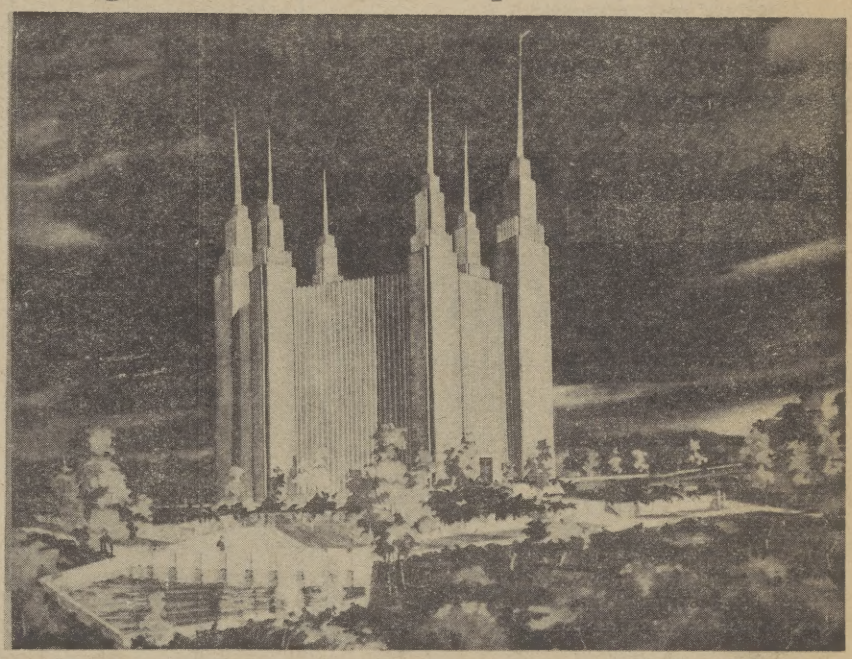
ORGANIZATION

Third, all ward news is located on one page, under the heading CLOSE TO HOME. This is part of an effort to better organize the paper and give things a home in THE MESSENGER.

I'll talk about PHASE TWO and PHASE THREE next month.

Washington D.C. Temple

Design Of New Temple Is Released



SALT LAKE CITY — The approved architectural design for the Washington, D.C. temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) was released Saturday by the First Presidency.

The edifice, described by the team of architects responsible for the design as "majestic" and "timeless," will be erected atop a hill on a 57 acre tract near Silver Spring, Md., adjacent to the nation's capital.

The architectural team prepared the design with the following five objectives in mind:

1. The Washington Temple represents visually the Church in the eastern part of the United States. It, therefore, will be a majestic edifice.

2. The temple has a "timeless" quality in its design—relation to the past, present and future.

3. This temple will be immediately recognized as a Mormon temple. It suggests and brings to mind the best known and easily recognized symbol of the Church—the Salt Lake Temple—by means of a new and unique expression and form without the design being a literal copy of the Salt Lake Temple.

4. The temple visually expresses relationship to Deity. The total building as well as each element contributes to this aspiring quality.

5. The site is unparalleled in beauty and spiritual quality. The building is beautiful from all directions and distances. The location suggests a symmetrical form with elevated mass having straight line forms and simple planes and surfaces making possible the use of white marble as an exterior material.

When the First Presidency announced the Washington Temple last November, they indicated the building would be designed and erected under the supervision of the Church Building Committee of which Mark B. Garff is chairman.

Mr. Garff announced this week that it was expected that the plans will be completed and ready for construction to begin in about one year.

The wooded hilltop on which the temple will be erected rises 120 feet above the surrounding terrain. The site was purchased by the Church in 1962 for an investment of $850,000.

Ground was broken and the site dedicated by Pres. Hugh B. Brown, First Counselor in the First Presidency, at appropriate services on Dec. 8. He was acting under assignment from President David O. McKay, 95-year-old Church leader. Approximately 3,500 members of the Church assembled for the dedicatory services conducted by Milan D. Smith of the Washington Stake (diocese).

The temple, sixteenth to be erected by the Mormon Church throughout the world, will serve 238,000 members living in the eastern part of the United States and Canada in 38 stakes and 12 mission.

The Washington Temple District was formed in a special meeting in the capital on Jan. 11, under the direction of Pres. N. Eldon Tanner, Second Counselor in the First Presidency. Milan D. Smith was named chairman.

Concord Stake Holds Conference

By Boots Barrus

CONCORD STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, under the direction of Elder Bruce McConkie of the Council of Seventy, was held in the I.S.C. on March 16th. President Ted E. Madsen opened the conference sesssion and conducted affairs of the stake. Business conducted was the sustaining of Priesthood advancements, followed by the appointment of a new Bishopric for the Oak Grove Ward. Released as Bishop was Leslie W. Rader and his counselors, and sustainned were Richard C. Harvey, as Bishop, with E. H. Call, Jr., 1st Counselor and Jack Condie, 2nd Counselor. With the release of Bro. Harvey from the High Council, Bro. Elwin Lance was called as a High Councilman and Bro. James Challis as an alternate. Newly appointed Presidency for the 504th Quorum was George Chinges, Howard Bishop and Allan Chandler.

Addressing the capacity audience of 2,303 Concord Stake Membership, President Madsen exhorted the need and necessity of prayer for each individual in the church. "Our nation is founded on prayer, and great men's lives were guided by it; George Washington at Valley Forge, Gen. Eisenhower in his time of need, Abraham Lincoln and Samuel B. Morse." His words of wisdom stirred the audience to the great need for keeping the pathway open between man and God. Following his address President Raymond F. Evanson spoke folllowed by President Ernest I. Adams. Newell Walker, Seventy's President addressed the audience followed by Elder McConkie, who delivered a timely mesasge on the law of the church and the blessings that come through eternal marriage and keeping the family together for the family unit is the most important organization in the world.

CONCORD STAKE VISITOR Pres. Ted Madsen on his arrival from Salt Lake City Elderat the Concord Chapel. Bruce McConkie is greeted by

Oakland Berkeley's President Recovers

Elmo R. Smith, President of Oakland-Berkeley stake, is recovering at home and is responding well to treatment following his operation, Lorenzo N. Hoopes announced to those attending stake conference April 20.

President Smith sent words of greeting by way of a taped message.

He expressed appreciation to all those who had prayed for him and said that his recovery was "due to your faith and prayers." He also thanked those who had sent flowers and gifts and cards and had visited him.

President Smith bore testimony of the gospels and expressed public thanks to "my Heavenly Father and my sweet wife, my brother, Dee and the doctors and others who assisted."

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Bros. Turner was born at Norfolk, Virginia. He comes from a family of ten children and is a convert to the Church. He joined the B.Y.U. faculty in 1956 and is now Professor of Religious Instruction, College of Religion. He has held many teaching and advisory positions in his priesthood affiliation and various auxiliaries. He has contributed articles to the Improvement Era and the Millenial Star.

In 1949 Bro. Turner received his B.A. Degree in Radio and in 1953 his M.A. degree in Scripture and Theology, both from the Brigham Young University. He received his Ed. D. in Educational Administration and Philosophy at the University of Southern California in 1960. He was Seminary Instructor 1939-53 at Mesa, Arizona and Seminary Principal 1953-55 at Cedar City, Utah.

Bro. Turner is married to the fomer Bonnie Lou Dalley and they are the parents of five children.

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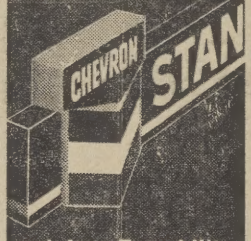

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Rites Held For Mrs. Ruth Hilton

Services for Mrs. Ruth Savage Hilton, 77, of 2721 Monterey Blvd. was conducted April 14 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints chapel at 4770 Lincoln Ave.

Mrs. Hilton, runnerup California Mother of the Year in 1963, died recently of a lengthy illness.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was for a number of years stake president of the Women's Relief Society of the church. Together with her husband, she fulfilled three missionary assignments for the church. In later years she was engaged in volunteer work in the Oakland Temple.

With her husband, Dr. Eugene Hilton, retired principal of Emerson School in Oakland, she was a recipient of Brigham Young University's Joseph F. Smith Family Living Award in 1961.

A native of Snowflake, Ariz., Mrs. Hilton came to the Bay Area in 1927.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one daughter, Patricia R. Shumway of San Jose; seven sons, Eugene S. of Oakland, Joseph R. and John L. of Walnut Creek, Phyl N. of Boston, Mass., Theodore C. of La Canada, Dr. Lynn M. of Salt Lake City, and Dr. George F. of Oakland; three brothers, Joseph M. Savage of Mesa, Ariz., J. Matt Savage of Whitier, and Parley Savage of Utah; one sister, Mrs. Lydia R. Peterson of Utah; 52 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Oakland-Berkeley Loses 'Great Man'

Alma D. Ericksen of Berkeley, California passed away March 28, 1969 at the age of 85 following a second heart attack. Funeral services were held in the Berkeley Ward chapel on April 1, 1969. He was the brother of Dr. E. E. Ericksen of Salt Lake City, who died two years ago following a long illness.

Alma Danielson Ericksen was born in Logan, Utah, August 27, 1883. At the age of one year, his family moved to Preston. He obtained his B.A. degree in 1908 and went on to study law at the University of Chicago, receiving his Doctor of Law (JD) degree at the University of California. He was the senior member of the firm of Ericksen-Ericksen, Kincaid & Bridgman.

His formal Church service included four years as Bishop of Berkeley Ward, a total of 22 years on the High Councils of Idaho Falls and Berkeley, service on M. I. A. and Sunday School Stake Boards, Gospel Doctrine teacher in Berkeley Ward for 14 years, and chairman of many building committees.

He embarked upon the establishment of a Church Girls Camp in the California Sierra Mountain area. Twenty years of hard work, in which he had a major share, have brought this project to a point where Camp Liahona now serves ten Stakes, with an average of fourteen to fifteen hundred each summer period. To thousands of girls in the Bay Area he is known as "Grandpa" — along with "Grandma", his wife, Eleda Nelson Ericksen, who has served with him along each step of the way.

He is survived by two daughters, Alma Deane Feller and Dawna McLelland, and two sons, Berkeley and Preston Erickson.

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Close To Home

The Ward News In Review

Martinez 1st

By Della Greathouse

On January 21, our Lihoma group in Primary held their annual Daddy Daughter party. February 21 the Cubbing program held their Blue & Gold Dinner. Advancement awards were given to the following fine young men; Den 1—Lloyd Brockway, Loel Renshaw; Den 3—Danny Shates, John Chamberlain. Webelos Den—Dane Lance, Paul Moses, Ricky Stokes, Don Oram, Keith Kenedy, Calvin Monson, Jackie Maxfield. Den mothers—Caroline Brockway and Doris Shates were awarded their 1 yr. pins. New bobcats — Loel Renshaw, Billy Stokes, David Busby and Randal Peters.

Those advanced in the Priesthood were: Bill Shepherd, Elder; Roland Laudenslager, Mike Shepherd, Teachers; Frank Shepherd, Deacon. At our last quarterly conference, Bro. Peter Gerhard was made an Elder.

Families and friends shared the baptisms of Sharon and George Cornelieus into the church. Happiness of joy is now felt in the Dare Perrin home with the baptism of Judith Perrin wife and mother.

Baptised on March 1, by their fathers were: Laddy Laudenslager and Loel Renshaw.

Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

The M-Men of Mission Ward naturally claim that the ward's Gleaners have the most lovely young ladies in San Francisco Stake.

A recent San Francisco beauty contest backs them up.

From April 16-23, 1969, the annual Miss Maritime beauty contest, jointly sponsored by the Propeller Club, the Port of San Francisco, and the Marine Committee of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, was held. A Mission Ward Gleaner was one of the contestants.

Miss Evelyn Jean Draper, Matson Navigation Co. personnel clerk, topped the field of candidates, and was named Miss Maritime of 1969. In addition to prizes, she will be the official representative of the San Francisco maritime industry, at social and business functions throughout her year-long reign.

Evelyn is the 25-year-old, blonde daughter of Mission Ward's Seventy Group leader, Newell J. Draper, and wife, Emma. She has two younger sisters, Janice and Patricia, also members of Mission Ward.

Pittsburg

By Boots Barrus & Thora Astle

DADDY-DAUGHTERS HAVE NIGHT OUT — A big evening of fun and entertainment was recently held in the Pittsburg Ward Cultural Hall when the Primary Lihoma class girls were taken out for the evening by proud fathers on their very special "Date" night. Sis. Patricia Trimble took charge of games and Dianne Moss chairmanned a delicious dinner. Stake visitor was Marie Redmond of Concord.

The annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner was held in the Cultural Hall of the ward under the direction of Cub Master Thomas Neves. The following boys won for their talent in the baking and decorating contest: "Most original" was awarded to Kevin Kersey; in the 'general category' was 1st place, Dale Stanley; a tie for 2nd place was presented to Jody Stanley and Kevin Kersey; 3rd place went to Tim Adams. Under the direction of Sis. Darlene Adams, Weblo Den No. 2 presented a skit followed by a kite demonstration by Bro. Moss. Songs led by Sis. Bobbie Neves concluded the evening of fun.

Pleasanton

By Irene Mori

Recently called to serve full-time missions for the Church are Dale Karren and Cliff Lamb.

Dale's older brother, Gaylord Karren, is currently serving in the Cumorah Mission. Dale will be going to the New England Mission.

Cliff Lamb has been a member of the Pleasanton Ward since last summer when he moved here from Sacramento. He resides with the Guy Clark family and is the brother of Joan Clark. He will be serving his mission in Florida.

The Elders' Quorum has slated a fireside at the home of the Paul Clayton's. Speaker for the evening is Lloyd Cluff.

A ward dinner will be held on April 25. The proceeds will go toward helping the M.I.A. girls finance their trip to camp this summer.

Pleasanton ward has been in existence for approximately one year now and has doubled in size. There are now 500 members of the ward.

Fremont 4th

The Fremont Fourth Ward Relief Society held its annual Birthday Anniversary party March 10. This event was a dinner and program held in the evening, with husbands attending also.

The Women's Basketball Team of Fremont 4th Ward won second place in the Regional competition and won a trophy for the Sportmanship Award. The team: Brooke Whiteman, Darlene Harris, Judy Nicholsen, Joanne Kirk, Karen Jensen.

Four couples from Fremont 4th Ward will be participating in the MIA Dance Festival this year in the Floor Show Number. These people are: Brother and Sister Gary and Sharon Halls, Jack and Darlene Harris, Brad and Judy Nicholsen, Shirley Degenar and her partner, Al Harris.

Two missionaries from Fremont 4th Ward will be returning home toward the end of the summer. Elder David A. Reeve, who is serving in Eastern Canada will return home some time in August, and in the following month Elder Larry Price, serving in the Canadian-Alaskan Mission will be returning home.

Alameda

By Violet Pinkney

Brian Cathro, Alameda High School Senior has earned a Cal-State Scholarship.

Patriarch Thys and Reba Winkel also drove up to Conference. Daniel B. Harrison was the Bishopric representative at General Conference in Salt Lake City, having the opportunity to visit B.Y.U. at Provo. Edna Dunford flew to Las Vegas to visit her sister.

Stephen Rex Daniels and Gary Williams Daniels have been ordained Deacons.

Beatrice Champion has moved to Salt Lake City after living in Alameda twenty years, thirteen of them serving as Sunday School Secretary. She will be missed.

Funeral service were held for Emily Almeda King March 18, Bishop Ralph Lane officiating. Tuesday, March 25 services were held for Arthur D. Christensen, Stanley Baker, a member of the Bishopric officiating. Mr. Christensen was the father of the former well known Ward members, Maurene McKinley of Fremont, Gerald A. Christensen of Redwood City and Gordon Christensen of Tustin. We extend our sympathy to them all.

Your Alameda Second Ward reporter has been on vacation so have no news 'til next month, except that Bishop Fredrick Reiche attended General Conference. SORRY!

Hayward 2nd

By Mel Venturi

Norman Gary Venturi has been called to serve a full time Mission in the New England States Mission. He is the son of Norm and Mel Venturi of the Hayward II Ward.

Prior to moving to Hayward, the Venturi family were for many years members of the Oakland 1st Ward. John G. Shields, a former Bishop of Oakland 1st Ward, and Annie M. Shields, his grandparents, are well known to many throughout the church.

Elder Venturi has been attending Ricks College, in Rexburg, Idaho for the past year, and will leave school early to report to the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, on May 3.

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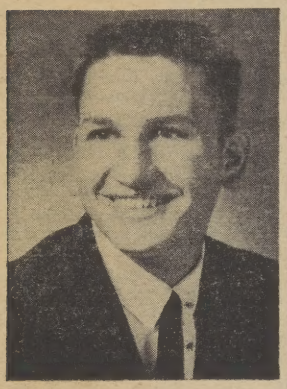
By Dorothy Spoon



ELDER DANIEL ELDON PALMER, having completed his two year mission in the Eastern Atlantic States Mission, arrived home the 31st of March. He and his mother, iSster Mahala Palmer, left the 1st of April to spend a week in Hawaii wth his brother, Sgt. David Palmer.

Daniel is the son of the late Mr. F. M. Palmer and Sister Mahala Palmer of 820 Walnut Street, Fremont, where Daniel now resides. At present he is anticipating employment with the Telephone Company.

MATENA STAM arrived home Wednesday, April 16 after having served 18 months on her mission in the Western Canadian Mission. She labored entirely among the Indians on their reservations in Calgary and Saskatchewan, which resulted in ten baptisms.

To keep abreast of these people, she plans to work her way through school at the BYU as a Child Guidance Councilor at the Inter-Mountain School for Indians in Brigham City.

For the present she is living with her sister, Viola, and Melvin Payne, her brother-in-law, at 2047 Country Drive, Fremont.

Fremont 2nd

By Annie Wootton

An open house was held at the nome of Claren and Wilda Collard on their recent marriage. They were married in the Oakland Temple and were honored with over two hundred friends and relations and received many lovely and useful gifts for their new home. Mrs. Collard is the former Wilda Hendrickson.

A special evening was held to honor President Thomas Green and Jay Rounds on their release from the Fremont 2nd Ward Bishopric. President Green was formerly the Bishop and Jay Rounds was 2nd Counselor. Jay Rounds was presented with a book and it was signed by all the members of the ward. President Green and Norene was presented with a lovely green and white quilt. Entertainment ended the evening with the Primary children singing songs. Songs were sung by Joan Stam, Gwen Crandall, Ane Bernheim, Chris Norton, music was played by Rex Montgomery, Theola Dick, Gale Constantine.

Oakland 4th

An international flavor will mark an open house by the Oakland Fourth ward at 7 p.m., May 23 at 4705 Virginia Street. An International Pot-luck will feature Indonesian, Hawaiian, Spanish, Samoan and Indian dishes. Entertainment numbers will be offered by Polynesian, Spanish and Indian groups. Admission for all ward members: bring a non-member with you.

The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association has been reorganized: Lynn Miller is Superintendent, assisted by Bob Lee and Cline Sowards. Brother Lynn was activity assistant. Robert Martin who was Superintendent has been named a Home Teaching supervisor.

Sister Ruby Roberts has been released as first counselor in the Oakland Fourth Ward Primary since the Roberts have sold their home and are moving out of the ward. Sister Evelyn Sowards has been sustained as first counselor.

The Aaronic Priesthood Advancement Seminar reaches the half-way mark this month, with an average attendance of 22.

Oakland 3rd

By Joseph C. Roach

The Oakland 3rd, 1st, and 5th wards, combined, recently held a Gold and Green Ball. All three wards were well represented.

The ward had a very nice Easter service with special music by the choir and wonderful talks by two of our High Priests, Bro. Milton G. Romney and Bro. R. L. Kenner.

Bro. Matagi Matagi, Jr., just recently returned from his mission to his homeland, Samoa. Elder Matagi reported that he had a very prosperous mission.

PASSING THOUGHT: In any of your visits lately, have you visited the Lord's House?

San Francisco

Among the many interesting young couples in our Ward are Don and Sally Rogers, and their young daughter Lynette. Sally is a native of Hawaii and first learned of the church by attending Seminary with a friend. As a teen-ager, Don lived for two years in Madrid, his main interest lies in photography. In 1961 Don joined the chuch where he met Sally and they were wed in the Oakland Temple in 1966.

Eve Jolley's calling as Relief Society Counselor was brief as the Jolley family (Paul, Eve, Tammy and Dana) will soon be off to Europe. Tammy has just been awarded membership to the National Honor Society.

Henry and Mary Klein attended the wedding reception of their grandson, Kent Leigh Ellsworth and Roberta Ann Bennett. They were married March 21 in the Los Angeles Temple. Kent returned from the Northern States Mission.

Jan Ellzey took third place for our Ward in the MIA Speech Festival.

San Leandro 2nd

By Ruby B. Ostler

The Stake burlap project is on again and our ward had the first week. Due to the fine cooperation of the members, we reached our quota in three evenings of work. Thanks a lot to everyone who participated.

Joe Fenene, who has been serving in Vietnam for the past year, returned home recently and surprised everyone by brining with him his bride-to-be, Miss Fil Pia Pia Sissy from Somoa. They were married in the chapel by Bro. Dan Canning and left immediately for San Francisco where they were guests of their Somoan friends at a reception.

The Relief Society sisters are all busy with preparations for their annual fashion show and luncheon which will be held the second week in May. The theme this year is "Spring Time Express", and promises to be an outstanding affair.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP for the Concord Stake Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association is provided by the above appointed presidency. Left to right: Sis Norma Ericksson, Age Group Counselor; Catherine Wright, newly appointed Activity Counselor; Jean Paquette, YWMIA President and Helen Nelson, Secretary.

Fremont 3d Ward

By Gladys M. Clayson

1969 has been a rather eventful year so far in Fremont 3d Ward. First of all our Bishop, Harry Hollinghous, decided to accept a new job in Chicago, so now we have a ne whishopric.

Our new bishop is Harold W. Clayson, with Mark F. Harris and James D. Glenn as counselors.

Thanks to Brothers Wallace E. Seavers and Gerald Jensen for their fine leadership and service as counselors to Bishop Hollinghaus. Brother Seavers is now priest advisor and drama director in the M.I.A.. He has taken over the drama from his son Craig who is leaving shortly for a misison. Brother Jenen has been called to be a stake missionary, at which he should be equally successful. He' also teaching the investigator class in Sunday School.

There have been other changes in the ward also. Vivien Nicolaysen was released as Relief Society president with her st counselor Lila Bringhurst. Loralee Thompson has been called to be Relief Society president and for her counselors she has Joyce Hill, who was also counselor to Sister Nicolaysen, and Pat Toborg, who has been teaching in the Primary for several years.

Eight BYU Grouns To Tour The U.S.

Eight groups of talented Brigham Young University students are taking their shows and concerts on tours throughout United States during the spring semester.

Forty-five students in the "Startime" variety show, directed by Jane Thompson, went to Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado Feb. 8-15.

The BYU Symphonic Band, 90 students, under direction of Richard E. Ballou, presented concerts in Nevada, Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay area.

The A Cappella Choir is tentatively scheduled to tour the the Northwest during March, and the Male Chorus is expected to perform in Southern Utah, Nevada and California.

BYU's popular Sounds of Freedom singing group will visit Nevada and Southern California, March 21-29.

March 14 to 23, will see a musical variety show, "Say It With Music" play one-night stands in Colorado and Texas.

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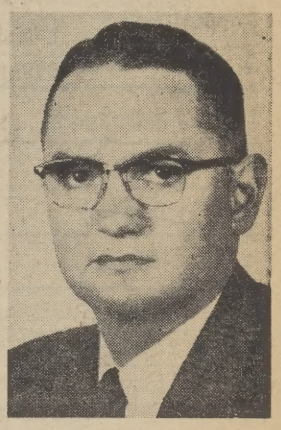

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The five young organists (who did so well under contest pressure at Hertz Hall, University of California, Berkeley) and their all Bach program are as follows:

Rodney Gehrke—The Pastorale in F Major (S-590).

Larry Archbold—Prelude in B-Minor (S-544). Chorale — Num Komm' der Heiden Heiland (S-659).

Gary Schultz — Prelude (Toccata) and Fugue (Dorian) (S-538).

John Renke, Chorales — Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland (S-659); Wir glauben all' en einen Gott (S-680).

Alicia Denise Knight — Passacaglia and Fugue in C-Minor (S-582).

As usual, the public is cordially invited to this concert. There will be no charge or collection.

Cumorah Tour Starts At Salt Lake City

Bay Area residents who wish to take the Hill Cumorah tour will meet the bus for the pageant in Salt Lake City, at 136 South Main, according to Myron Crandall.

Not enough signed for the tour to make possible starting a bus from Temple Hill, says Brother Crandall, 725-20th Street, Ogden, agent for the Holiday Away Travel Service.

Perhaps next year, hopes Brother Crandall, we can list enough for the Hill Cumorah Pageant Tour so that Bay Area residents can meet a bus in Oakland instead of travelling to Salt Lake City.

Life Sciences Grant

A grant of $3,000 toward the construction of the new Life Sciences Building at Brigham Young University has been awarded by the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation of Sarasota, Fla., it was announced by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

A letter from Richard M. Jackson, secretary of the Foundation, to President Wilkinson states: "Although Brigham Young University is outside our usual geographic area of support, several members of our Committee were acquainted with the fine reputation established by your school, and particularly the financial difficulties facing the small Christian colleges in America today."

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—Charles Schultz, Author of "Peanuts"

At last April's General Conference in Salt Lake City, President Hugh B. Brown told the youth of the Church to develop a sense of humor. I remember that he counseled a group of us M-Men and Gleaners on that same message last year, when we went to him to present our grievances and problems about the youth program.

Years ago, observers recalled seeing Brigham Young suddenly grin and chuckle to himself in the middle of a prayer. They were never sure who it was who told the joke; the Lord, or Brigham.

Humor is essential for healthful living. It helps keep us from taking ourslves too seriously. As one Berkeley member said about religion, "If it stops being fun, you're doing it wrong."

As the new editor of THE MESSENGER, one of my editorial policies will be to include as much humor as possible in the pages of THE MESSENGER.

Humor is not easy to write. It can often become irreverent or satirical. Fully aware of these risks, I will nevertheless be looking in every nook and cranny in Northern California for Mormons who can contribute amusing essays, anecdotes, photographs, or cartoons. I have a few funny things to say myself. And if you do, or if you know someone who does, please write and let me know.

In the meantime, don't take yourself too sriously. And don't worry about me taking myself too seriously; I was appointed editor of THE MESSENGER on April 1st, which you will notice is April Fool's Day. Wipe that snicker off your face.

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"DESTINY"

By Jane Sylvester

Destiny? What have we to do with destiny? Every generation has had its trials, but we can't help feeling that this one may have a rendezvous with something that has never happened before. In Robert Frost's words, "Someone had better be prepared for rage." It is expected that people who have the gospel of Christ take a role of leadership for righteousness.

As we are concerned for the future of our society, we need to bring more to an active reality, this gospel which we are so fortunate to have. We can philosophize and study a long time without really accomplishing the work of the Lord.

Basic to activating the gospel in our lives is that we increase our own personal faith. Faith canot be dormant and remain faith. To have an alive faith, we must desire it—deeply. We must exercise it — diligently. With guidance from the Holy Ghost we must test it, try it. Faith achieves a great reality in sincere prayer—we must pray. We must not let hope diminish. We must follow through, by accepting the results of our faith as an answer from God. Real faith requires energy.

Of King Noah's court, only Alma believed Abinadi's words, yet he spoke out boldly in support of Abinadi. His great faith was therefore exemplified in his work for the Lord. A spiritually strong membership in the Church can provide the leadership which people everywhere need so badly now. We must increase our spiritual strength so that we, as Alma, can speak for righteousness. We may find that we are not so much in the minority as we have supposed, but good people everywhere need the support of those who have the gospel. We do have a responsibility for leadership in this generation.

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The high-rise building will be located on the same block and immediately north of the present Church Administration Building. It will be erected under the supervision and direction of the Church Building Committee.

The building is for single occupancy—to be used exclusively for Church departments and auxiliaries, which are now housed in the Church Administration Building and many other buildings about the city. Among the departments to be housed in the new structure will be the building committee, financial department, genealogical society library and departments, the Church Historian's offices and library, Church welfare department and all Church auxiliaries excepting the Relief Society which occupies it own building on the northwest corner of the same block.

The General Authorities, including the First Presidency, Council of the Twelve Apostles, Assistants to the Twelve, Patriarch to the Church, the First Council of Seventy and the Presiding Bishopric, will continue to occupy the present Church Administration Building at 47 East South Temple Street.

George Cannon Young, prominent Salt Lake architect, is designer of the modern structure. The building will be erected over the three-story under-ground parking plaza. When the plaza was constructed in 1964-65, the footings and steel columns upon which the new office building will be built were installed.

Indian Placement Program Expands Into Northern California Homes

One hundred student-age Indians will move from Arizona reservations next year into the homes of Northern California Church members, it was announced here this week.

Clare Bishop, executive director of the Indian student placement program said it will be the first year Church members in Northern California will have the opportunity to participate in the program.

He named A. Garner Oleson to be director of the agency of the Indian student placement program there. Formerly a seminary teacher, Mr. Oleson has been an Indian case worker with the placement program in Phoenix, Ariz., since 1967.

Elmo R. Smith, Oakland-Berkeley Stake president, is the chairman of the board of directors of the new agency.

Mr. Bishop said, "The Church members will reap many wonderful blessings from having these Indian children in their homes during the school year."

The Indians, all members of the Church, need to experience family home evenings and family prayer, he said.

"We have placed almost 400 Indians in Southern California homes during the last two years. We are really thrilled with the wonderful possibilities for our placement program in Northern California," Mr. Bishop said.

Persons interested in being foster parents of Indians should contact their bishop.

More than 3,000 Indians are currently participating in the student placement program.

Enrolllments next year are expected to exceeed 4,200, the executive director said.

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—ESTHER ENGLAND

IN THE AFTERGLOW

I have not been one to accept as fact
That older men know more than I,
And in encounters I've known and loved
I've lacked enough of tact.
I would sit and debate with the Fathers
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